

a Chemistry and Physics Laboratory, designed by two architecture students and now nearing completion

and at the farm: a silo and milk house, and a farmhouse completely remodeled into two family units, all worked on by students and faculty.

The dining hall lies at the southern end of the lake and looks up the mountain valley towards Mt. Mitchell. Here, students, faculty and their families have meals together, sharing voluntarily in the serving of food.

The living quarters for students include two dormitory buildings with rooms for two, three and more persons.

The climate at Black Mountain is moderate and healthful. There is opportunity for hiking in the mountains and swimming during the spring and summer.

## CURRICULUM

### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

It is assumed at Black Mountain College that the total experience is the educational process. This experience is gained not only in formal courses but also in those activities usually regarded as extra-curricular, in independent creative effort, in the social inter-action of community living, and in the work incidental to maintaining the physical existence of the College. An attempt is made, therefore, to give due recognition to the educational value of all such activities.

Particular stress is placed upon the educational importance of the creative act. Each student, whatever his special interests, is expected to produce. He may write or paint or compose music or carry on scientific investigations or perform in some other area, and the results of such efforts weigh heavily when the student's educational progress is judged.

The educational value of skills acquired and the sense of social responsibility developed by participating in the practical activities incidental to operating the College is recognized. Each student is expected to participate in some way in those activities and is supervised, directly or indirectly, by the Business Manager. Extent of participation varies; the student with a work scholarship puts in approximately thirty hours each week and each other student at least eight hours. The student's performance in this area is evaluated as an integral factor in his general program.

All formal courses are elective. A student chooses each semester, in consultation with his faculty adviser, what he wishes to study. However, he is encouraged to plan and carry through, during the first part of his college career, a diversified program. Ordinarily, a student enrolls in three to five classes, depending on the nature of the